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Lebanon

Army Chief of Staff Dies — Beirut radio reported that Army Chief of Staff Major General Nadim al-Hakim and several other officers were killed when their helicopter crashed.

Tripoli Clashes — "Ferocious" clashes continued in Tripoli, raising the number of casualties during the past 2 days to "well over 100" dead and 250 injured, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. In an effort to halt the violence, an Islamic meeting chaired by the mufti of Lebanon cabled an appeal to Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad to "intervene directly and quickly" in order to save Tripoli, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon revealed.

Political Developments — President Amin al-Jumayyil, Prime Minister Rashid Karami, and Minister Nabih Birri met prior to a full Cabinet session and they discussed the situation in the south and the security plan for the Mountain, Beirut radio reported. The Cabinet session, attended by all ministers except Walid Junblatt, who could not reach the B'abda location, included a discussion on the south, the radio added.

In a statement broadcast by the radio following the session, Karami announced that the Government will submit a complaint to the UN Security Council on Israel's subjugation of the south's inhabitants to the "ugliest forms of occupation." Responding to charges of Israel's isolating the south from the rest of the country, an Israeli Government official stated in an interview on Jerusalem radio that this claim is part of the "trumped up charges" being prepared for the UN complaint. He affirmed that the bridge across the Al-Awwali River will be opened on 23 August, although the radio later reported that the opening will be delayed until 24 August.

Libya

Ship Detained by France — The French Ministry of External relations announced that the seizure of the Libyan vessel *Ghat* in Marseilles is a "purely commercial affair," Paris radio reported. The ship, which is suspected of having laid mines in the Red Sea, was searched on 18 August by customs officials but no irregularities were found, the radio added.

Palestinian Affairs

The 17th PNC session will be held in Algiers on 23 September, according to a Palestinian source in Tunis cited by INA.

Iran

There was a "severe explosion" in downtown Tehran on 23 August that resulted in at least 15 dead and 300 injured, IRNA reported.

Afghanistan

Pakistani Protest — The Government "categorically" rejected Pakistan's protest against DRA violations of Pakistani territory, terming the allegations "poisonous accusations" and "groundless and hostile claims" meant to hide Pakistan's transformation into a "springboard for aggression" against Afghanistan, according to a Foreign Ministry note cited by BAKHTAR. The note stated that Pakistani authorities will be held responsible for the "unpleasant consequences" of their "aggressive policy and the spreading of false and poisonous propaganda."

Dost in USSR — Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost stopped over in Moscow 19-22 August on his way to UN-sponsored talks in Geneva, TASS reported. During his visit, he met with USSR Deputy Foreign Minister Georgiy Korniyenko.

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Pakistani Claim of Aggression Rejected*LD221537 Kabul BAKHTAR in Pashto 1245 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] Kabul, 22 Aug (BAKHTAR) — The charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Pakistan in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1045 today and handed a note by the official responsible for the First Political Branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in connection with recent claims by Pakistan concerning the so-called ground and air violation of that country's territory by the DRA.

The note reads as follows:

The Islamabad authorities, followed by the media of the imperialist countries, recently began another wave of hostile propaganda claiming that the DRA Armed Forces violated Pakistani territory on land and in the air.

The relevant authorities of the DRA declare that no ground or air violation has been made against the territory of Pakistan. They consider Pakistan's claims to be lies and reject them categorically.

At a time when the date of the talks in Geneva and the meeting of the 39th session of the UN General Assembly is getting closer, the Pakistani authorities in cooperation with the (?tricks) of American and Chinese circles, have organized ludicrous displays in order to gain propaganda benefits and are trying very hard by means of this slanderous and poisonous propaganda to distract world public opinion and the opinion of the people of Pakistan from the facts, to create obstacles in the way of talks in Geneva, and to cause hostility and tension in the process of the UN 39th General Assembly.

The authorities in Pakistan know very well that the repetition of these scenarios and the fabrication of such groundless and hostile claims have become outdated and have lost their effect.

By spreading such untrue allegations, Pakistan is trying to cover its hostile activities which have transformed Pakistan into a springboard for aggression and a base for training Afghan counterrevolutionary elements for the purpose of aggression against the authority of Afghanistan by subversive mercenaries.

While rejecting Pakistan's recent and baseless claims, the DRA again declared that the DRA is a peace-loving country.

It has never encroached upon other countries, but is itself the victim of an undeclared war from the soil of Pakistan. These bandit-like aggressions have continued against our country for nearly 6 years.

The DRA hopes that, instead of spreading such poisonous accusations, the Pakistani military authorities will put an end to interference in the internal affairs of the DRA and will not endanger the peace and stability of the region.

Otherwise, responsibility for the unpleasant consequences of this aggressive policy and the spreading of false and poisonous propaganda will rest on the shoulders of the Pakistani authorities.

Reportage on Mujahidin Anti-Soviet Activities**Soviet Camp Destroyed***GF211736 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Pashto 1700 GMT 21 Aug 84*

[Summary] Reports received from mujahidin sources indicate that the Soviet occupationists and the Karmal puppet regime soldiers during the past 2 weeks have increased their activity in the southern regions of Afghanistan. Our Muslim mujahidin attacked the enemy in Paktia and Lowgar Provinces and along the Lowgar-Kabul highway, inflicting heavy loss of life.

According to our correspondent, the Soviet-Karmal soldiers have been on the defensive in Paktia and Lowgar Provinces. Our mujahidin have destroyed a Soviet camp in Paktia and killed 200 soldiers.

Soviet Transport Plane Downed*GF221800 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Pashto 1700 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] According to Muslim mujahidin sources, a Muslim officer of the Karmal regime who has realized the true nature of the Karmal regime and who was serving in the Qandahar division, has defected to the mujahidin during July after he had killed several Soviet and puppet soldiers. The report said that among the persons he killed were five officers of the enemy forces.

Reports received from Mazar-e Sharif indicate that the Muslim mujahidin last Wednesday [15 August] downed one Soviet transport aircraft flying war material to Soviet and puppet regime mercenaries over the Behram Chah pass in (Chahar Sin) District of Mazar-e Sharif Province. All the crew were killed.

Our Muslim mujahidin in the Deh Sabz area inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The details of the enemy losses have not been received as yet.

The Muslim mujahidin in the Kabul Gate area of Qandahar attacked a car belonging to the agriculture minister of the Karmal regime and killed several guards in the car.

According to more reports received, the Muslim mujahidin attacked an enemy convoy in the Ahangaran region of Badakhshan Province. The convoy was going toward Badakhshan when in an attack lasting 5 hours the mujahidin destroyed 12 enemy trucks carrying food supplies and petrol, along with 6 other armored vehicles. As a result of this attack, the mujahidin captured much war material and supplies. The mujahidin in another attack in the Parkha region destroyed one enemy tank.

Attack Spurs USSR 'Retaliation'*LD222059 Riyadh SPA in English 1904 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] London, Aug 22, SPA — More than 20 Soviet-Karmal troops were killed and three tanks and seven trucks destroyed when Afghan mujahidin attacked a Soviet-Karmal military envoy when it was passing through Mianeh town in Qandahar

Province on July 25, the AFGHAN PRESS AGENCY reported today.

In retaliation, the agency said the Soviet helicopter gunships bombed the area, killing four freedom fighters.

On the other hand, Afghan mujahidin also raided the security post near Shah Ghar area in Qandahar city, hitting a tank and two trucks with rocket launchers.

BAKHTAR Views Secretary Lehman's Pakistan Visit
LD230634 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] Kabul, August 22, BAKHTAR: A BIA observer writes:

Secretary of naval forces of the United States is in Pakistan now. There is one justification for the mounting activity of the United States in Pakistan and that is the fact that after the fall of the king of Iran, Washington decided to change Pakistan to its basic base. There exist three reasons for such a move. First, to make Pakistan as its springboard for the rapid deployment forces stationed in the Gulf region. Secondly, to use Pakistan as a real base for moving ahead the undeclared war against the DRA and finally Pakistan is used as a tool of anti-India policy, whose foreign independent policy has made the United States unhappy. Pentagon is building military establishments in Pakistan, which, if needed, would be used for attacking the littoral countries of the Gulf. These establishments include several airports which are usable not only for F-16 fighter bombers but also for the most sophisticated planes.

Similarly, Pakistan is engaged in building military bases including the arsenal of arms and munitions and spying electronic stations in the coasts of Arab sea which is order [as received] populated. These activities are being carried out under the supervision of American experts. According to U.S. press reports, the

United States is allowed to use some of Pakistan's ports for emergency purposes.

It is to be pointed out that the U.S. Armed Forces will use the bases of these airports not only in case of the further tension of the Gulf region, but also when an undesirable condition arises in the Asian countries. Pentagon has established a special command under the name of Centcom which controls the Armed Forces of the United States in the region and its scope of activity covers 19 African countries.

The military experts of Washington plan to utilise the Army personnel of Pakistan for their expansionist purposes.

In this connection, Islamabad a few months ago ordered its 25 thousand Army force to be on the alert for countering social developments in the Gulf. This force which is a rapid deployment force of Pakistan-style is entrusted to cooperate with the regional police forces of the United States. The American visitors to Pakistan, such as Shultz, secretary of State Department, Weinberger, secretary of Defence Department, and Bush, vice-president, during their visit there among other things are to discuss the use of Pakistan territory as a base in the undeclared war against the DRA.

The subject of the situation around Afghanistan constitutes the nucleus of talks between the Pakistani leaders and Lehman secretary of the naval forces of the United States.

The issues to be discussed are: to intensify arms provision to the counter-revolution in the territory of Pakistan, to coordinate their activities by Pakistan and China through giving military training to the Afghan counter-revolutionary bands, including the military camp in Xinjiang Province of China. All these activities are based on the U.S. increasing financial aid to the Afghan counter-revolution, as the U.S. Congress has lately approved another 50 million dollars for this purpose.

Reportage on Flooding, Relief Programs**Soviet Red Cross Assistance**

**BK230444 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT
21 Aug 84**

[Text] The Soviet Red Cross has assured all possible assistance for the flood victims of Bangladesh. The offer was made to a Bangladesh Red Cross team which visited the Soviet Union last week. A member of the team returning home yesterday said the Soviet Red Cross also offered [words indistinct] on higher education in many [passage indistinct].

26 Million People Affected

**BK221217 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
21 Aug 84**

[Text] In Bangladesh, over 26 million people have been directly hit by the current floods. According to latest information available in Dhaka, about 5 million hectares of land in over 400 subdistricts have been inundated. Standing crops in over 2 million hectares have been damaged and 7 million head of cattle perished. As already reported, 529 people have so far died.

Relief Measures Detailed

**BK221237 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT
22 Aug 84**

[Text] Now news on flood situation and relief measures: Major rivers in all the four basins excepting the Ganges registered a rise and were flowing below the danger level yesterday. The Ganges continued to fall at all points, but the Halda at Panchpukuria registered a sharp rise. The Muhari at Parsuram recorded a further rise and is flowing above the danger mark. The Shurma at Sylhet registered a rise, but at Sunamganj registered a fall. The Kusiara at Shaola and the Manu at Maulivibazar registered a sharp rise and are flowing below the red mark. The Khowai at Hubiganj, though recorded a fall, is flowing above the danger level. The Brahmaputra recorded a slight rise at Tilmari and Bahadurabad, but a fall at Sirajganj.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation has made an additional allotment of over 171,000 maunds of wheat for distribution among the severely affected people of Dhaka,

Gazipur, Jamalpur, Kishorganj, Manikganj, Munshiganj, Mymensingh, Narayanganj, Netrokona, Naushindi, Sherpur, and the Tangail Districts under martial law zone A.

Reports reaching flood and relief control room at the Chief Martial Law Administrator Secretariat yesterday said over 4,190,000 taka in cash and about 500,000 maunds of wheat [words indistinct] relief, text relief and vulnerable feeding centers have been sanctioned to 30 upazilas [subdivisions] under Dinajpur, Barisal, Jhalokati, Chuadanga and (Chinaidoho) Districts. Over 10 lakh acres of land has been affected in these districts with crop damage in over 577,000 acres.

Situation 'Almost Normal'

**BK230218 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT
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[Excerpts] The overall flood situation in the country has improved significantly with further recession of water from the affected areas. All the rivers except the Khowai at Hubiganj are now flowing below their red mark. The Khowai, too, is receding fast. Some of the rivers, though they registered a rise during the last 40 hours, are much below their danger level.

Our representative says although the situation has become almost normal, there has been no let up in the relief and rehabilitation operation; rather, it has further been geared up. The government is giving top priority to it and the entire government machinery is engaged in this task. Above all, the president himself has been visiting the affected areas almost every day taking with him relief materials, including cash, and distributing them personally among the victims. Besides, local resources are also being utilized. Latest reports reaching the flood and relief control room at the chief martial law administrator's secretariat says that over 5,459,000 taka in cash and about 893,000 maunds of wheat under gratuitous relief, (?test) relief and vulnerable group feeding program has so far been sanctioned for all the 36 affected upazilas [subdistricts] under the districts of Barguna, Gopalganj, Kushtia, Jamalpur and Kishoreganj. The cash includes in some cases (?state) flood agricultural rehabilitation grants.

Standing crops on over 551,000 acres of land have been submerged and damaged in these districts. A good number of dwelling houses have also been fully or partially damaged.

Visiting Soviet on Pakistani Nuclear Capability
BK221646 Delhi General Overseas Service in English
 1330 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] The visiting Soviet vice president, Mr Ryutel, said Pakistan's expansion of its nuclear capability is a matter of concern and poses a great threat to the region. He was addressing a news conference in New Delhi today.

Mr Ryutel had talks with the president, Giani Zail Singh, and the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, during his visit.

He said these discussions also covered the arming of Pakistan by certain foreign powers. The viewpoints of India and the Soviet Union are identical on the growing threats to the region, he added.

Indira Gandhi on Pakistan's Nuclear Capability
OW221820 Hong Kong AFP in English 1802 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 22 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said in parliament today that "there is no use bothering about Pakistan having a nuclear bomb and what is important is that nobody should have it."

She said Pakistan having such a bomb would not make much difference, as several countries had these weapons capable of destroying the whole world.

She said India would continue to work toward rousing public opinion against nuclear arms even if the nuclear power rejected the public appeal she had made earlier this year.

Junior Foreign Minister Ram Niwas Mirdha ruled out any change in India's policy of using atomic energy for peaceful purposes, when a ruling Congress deputy asked if the government would re-examine the approach in view of Pakistan's efforts to manufacture a bomb.

No Bomb Manufacture

BK231012 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
 23 Aug 84

[Text] The prime minister today made it clear that India does not intend to go in for the manufacture of a bomb of any kind. Mrs Gandhi told the Rajya Sabha during question hour that we do not have a bomb and we do not intend to make a bomb. Mrs Gandhi said the nuclear energy program which the country has embarked upon will be put to use for peaceful and development purposes in the overall interest of the country. She said the program confirms the stipulations laid down by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The fast breeder test reactor at Kalpakkam is expected to be commissioned next year. The minister of state for atomic energy, Mr Shiv Raj Patil, told the Rajya Sabha that the construction of the reactor is progressing satisfactorily. Mr Patil told the house that efforts are also under way to produce thermal and other sources of energy to overcome shortage of power in the country.

Gandhi Meets With Singh at President's House
BK221627 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
 22 Aug 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, had a meeting with the president, Giani Zail Singh, at Rashtrapati Bhawan [President's House] this afternoon which lasted 40 minutes.

Official on Pakistani 'Hostile Demonstrations'
BK230912 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
 23 Aug 84

[Text] India is unhappy with Pakistan's role in encouraging hostile demonstrations against it in several parts of the world. Its response to our protests have not been positive. The minister of state for external affairs, Mr Mirdha, said this during question time in the Rajya Sabha today.

Answering supplementaries he said President Zia has criticized India publicly and the media in that country has not been restrained from carrying on anti-India tirades.

Mr Mirdha maintained that people of Pakistani origin have been responsible for the humiliation faced by the Indian contingent at the Los Angeles Olympics. He said India has taken up the matter mbeen threatened or intimidated. There has been some positive response from a few of them, he said.

The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, in a brief intervention reaffirmed that apart from the Pakistanis, the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front is the other organization involved in violence against Indians abroad.

Andhra Pradesh Strike Leads to Police Firing
BK211613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
 21 Aug 84

[Text] In Andhra Pradesh, the statewide bundh [strike] organized by the opposition parties has been generally peaceful. In the Rangareddy District, police were forced to open fire in self-defense to disperse a violent mob. One person died and three received injuries.

Reports reaching Hyderabad from various parts of the state say that shops, hotels, banks, and other establishments were closed in many parts. The state road transport corporation authorities withdrew buses as precautionary measure.

The Grand Trunk express [train] and the Andhra Pradesh express, scheduled to leave Madras and Secunderabad yesterday and today, have been canceled. The corresponding services scheduled to leave New Delhi tomorrow will also not run. The Dakshin express leaving Hyderabad yesterday and today has been canceled. Its return services from New Delhi for tomorrow and the day after will also remain canceled. The Madras-(Jamnab) Janata Express is running inordinately late and will terminate at Delhi today. Its return service to Madras will originate from Delhi tomorrow.

Andhra Pradesh Situation 'Peaceful'

*BK221621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
22 Aug 84*

[Excerpt] The situation in Andhra Pradesh is peaceful. Our Hyderabad correspondent says that no untoward incident has been reported so far. A number of trains are being restored from today. [passage omitted]

Opposition Parties Launch Anti-Gandhi Movement

OW221950 Hong Kong AFP in English 1937 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 22 (AFP)— Leaders of opposition parties and groups today launched a country-wide movement against "the increasing assaults on democracy by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi" and called upon the people to dislodge her from power in the next general elections.

Left and right wing party leaders shared a common platform today when they addressed a public meeting here.

The meeting was convened by the steering committee of the combined opposition to protest against the "illegal and unconstitutional" dismissal of Telugu Desam Government of N.T. Rama Rao in South [word indistinct] Andhra Pradesh by the state governor, Ram Lal, last week.

The meeting adopted a resolution deploring the "murder of democracy" in Andhra Pradesh by Mrs. Gandhi and assured Mr. Rama Rao and the people of Andhra Pradesh full support in their struggle.

The resolution called upon the people to pledge themselves to an unrelenting battle in defence of (the country's) unity, integrity and democracy [word indistinct] to save the nation from dynastic dictatorship.

The leaders charge Mrs. Gandhi with subversion of democracy and undermining the constitutional provision to "perpetrate her rule."

Meanwhile, the national campaign committee of various trade unions called upon workers in the country to observe August 25 as "Save Democracy Day" by holding demonstrations, [words indistinct] and industrial strike actions.

Opposition Leaders Call For Rao's Reinstatement

*BK230342 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT
23 Aug 84*

[Text] At a public meeting in Delhi last evening, the opposition leaders said the Andhra Pradesh governor's action in dismissing the N.T. Rama Rao ministry was an attack on the Constitution. They said the people's verdict is being ignored and defections are encouraged. They alleged that the center is misusing the office of the governor. A resolution adopted at the meeting demanded the dismissal of the governor, Mr Ram Lal, and reinstallation of Mr N.T. Rama Rao as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh. The speakers included Mr Charan Singh, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee,

Mr Chandra Shekhar, Mr Sharad Pawar, Mr H.N. Bahuguna, Mr Rameshwar Rao, and Mr. N.T. Rama Rao.

Rama Rao Threatens 'Campaign'

*BK230940 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
23 Aug 84*

[Text] The former Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, has expressed his disappointment over the fact that no date has so far been announced for convening the state assembly. Addressing a news conference in New Delhi today, he said he and his supporters will launch a 6-day campaign in the state from Saturday to get justice, as he put it, if no date for convening the assembly is announced by then. Mr Rama Rao is leaving for Hyderabad today.

Andhra Pradesh Ministry To Be Expanded

*BK230440 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT
23 Aug 84*

[Text] The Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr Bhaskara Rao, told our Hyderabad correspondent a short while ago that he is going to expand his ministry. He said the names of the new ministers will be announced in a day or 2. Mr Bhaskara Rao met the governor yesterday.

Mr N. Bhaskara Rao has said that the chief secretary, Mr B.N. Raman, will inquire into charges of misuse of power and government machinery for personal ends against the former chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao. Mr Bhaskara Rao gave the assurance to some Telugu Desam workers who presented a memorandum urging him to take disciplinary action against the former chief minister for alleged irregularities and abuse of power.

Meanwhile, the situation in the state is reported to be peaceful. According to the director general of police, Mr (Mahendra Reddy), no untoward incident has been reported from any part of the state.

Venkataraman Elected Vice President 22 Aug

*BK221351 Delhi General Overseas Service in English
1330 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] Mr R. Venkataraman has been formally elected the vice president of India. The announcement was made by the secretary general of the lower house of parliament, Dr Subhash Kashyap, who is the returning officer. Mr Venkataraman got 508 votes while his only rival, Mr B.C. Kamble got 208 votes. Thirty votes were declared invalid.

Parliament Passes National Security Act

OW221840 Hong Kong AFP in English 1816 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 22 (AFP)— The Indian Parliament today passed the controversial National Security Act (NSA), which provides for detention without trial.

Replying to a discussion on the bill, Junior Interior Minister P. Venkatasubbiah dispelled fears of the opposition that it would be used against "political opponents" on the ruling party.

He assured the members that it would be used only against those anti-social elements and terrorists who tried to weaken the unity and integrity of the country.

Parliament Approves Special Courts Bill

BK230334 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] The Parliament has approved the Terrorist-Affected Areas Special Courts Bill 1984. The Rajya Sabha passed the bill last night which was adopted by the Lok Sabha earlier. It provides for speedy trial of certain offenses by special courts in terrorist-affected areas.

Replying to the discussion, the minister of state for home, Mr Venkatasubbiah, said the bill is intended to deal with an extraordinary situation.

He made it clear that its provisions will be invoked only when the country's integrity is threatened by terrorists. The minister emphasized that special courts would not be set up arbitrarily as there are in-built safeguards. Referring to the provision of in-camera trials as envisaged in the bill, he said it is intended only to protect the witnesses and the judges.

Before passing the bill, the house rejected a statutory resolution moved by Mr Jaswant Singh, Bharatiya Janata Party, which sought to disapprove the ordinance promulgated by the president on the 14th of last month.

It also negated all other opposition amendments by a voice vote. Dissociating themselves with the passing of the bill, all opposition members except All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam walked out.

New 'Mopping Up' Operations Reported in Punjab

BK230314 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] In Punjab, the security forces, in view of some recent incidents of violence, have launched fresh mopping up operations in the districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur, and Kapurthala.

The director general of police, Mr K.S. Dhillon, told the All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent that the operations are aimed at unearthing illicit arms and apprehending antisocial elements indulging in violent activities.

Meanwhile, the Jullundur police have made some more arrests in connection with the attempts to set on fire a few school buildings in the rural areas of the district last week.

In Amritsar, 40 Akali demonstrators were arrested by the police last evening for defiance of prohibitory orders near Gurdwara [sikh temple] Shahidan.

Tamil Minister Fears Sri Lankan, Israeli Agents

BK221549 Hong Kong AFP in English 1418 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 22 (AFP) — The chief minister of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu says he fears that agents of the Sri Lankan Government and the Israeli secret service have infiltrated India intending to kill leaders like himself, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported today.

The minister, M.G. Ramachandran, also described as an "indirect threat" the recent statement by Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene expressing concern about Mr. Ramachandran's safety.

The chief minister said that Israeli secret agents planned to kill him because he was championing the cause of Tamils in Sri Lanka, PTI added, quoting a press statement issued by Mr. Ramachandran on Tuesday.

(Sri Lankan National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali confirmed on August 10 that Israeli intelligence agents and counter-insurgency experts from a British firm were training Sri Lankan security forces — who are battling Tamil separatists — in intelligence and counter-terrorism.)

Mr. Ramachandran said his government was determined to hunt down the agents and take necessary action, PTI reported.

The Tamil leader referred to the spate of bomb scares in his state and said it proved that the number of anti-social elements in Tamil Nadu — homeland of the Tamil ethnic group — was increasing. A bomb explosion at Madras International Airport on August 2 killed 29 people, mostly Sri Lankans, and injured about a dozen others.

Foreign Minister on Talks on Afghan Solution
BK230709 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0500 GMT
 23 Aug 84

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Islamabad this morning for Geneva to attend the next round of indirect talks on the Afghanistan issue beginning in the Swiss capital tomorrow under UN auspices. Diego Cordovez, personal representative of the UN secretary general, will act as intermediary in the indirect talks.

Talking to newsmen prior to his departure, the foreign minister said that Pakistan is attending the negotiations with seriousness and sincerity in a bid to find a peaceful solution to the Afghanistan issue. In reply to a question he said that Pakistan will try to insist on the principles which were formulated for the solution of the issue, which are of a comprehensive nature, and on which talks have been held for the last 2 and 1/2 years.

In reply to another question he said that it is Pakistan's belief that a timetable for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan is an essential element for the solution of the issue. He expressed the hope that there will be some progress toward the solution of this complicated issue. However, he cautioned against the expectation of any dramatic outcome because such talks do not lead to the immediate solution of all problems.

When asked to comment on the remarks by Diego Cordovez that the two sides should start work on the modalities for implementation of a comprehensive settlement, and the time is ripe to do so, the foreign minister said that Pakistan does not want to create any additional difficulty in these already difficult talks by making any announcement at this stage. When asked whether the indirect talks might create the possibility for direct talks, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said that in the context of the views expressed by Pakistan earlier, it may be assumed that Pakistan has strong views on direct talks.

When asked whether he will raise the question of violation of Pakistani territory during the talks, the foreign minister said that the matter is not directly linked to the talks. However, he will bring this issue to the notice of the UN secretary general's personal representative. In addition to this, he will tell him that Pakistan has concrete views on this matter and understands that this will vitiate the atmosphere prior to the talks.

NAWA-E WAQT on Opposition to Nuclear Program
GF191530 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 12 Aug 84 p 3

[Editorial: "The United States — Preparing Ground for the Soviet Union!"]

[Excerpts] The violent campaign initiated against Pakistan's nuclear program by the U.S. Senate and media — which is gaining momentum with the nearing of the presidential elections — is concomitant with the supplying of information (secret and highly exaggerated) by Israel. According to two columnists of the *WASHINGTON POST* used to promote U.S. interests, it has been deemed more dangerous than Iraq's program which was

being carried out with France's assistance and which was completely destroyed by Israel. According to these columnists, whatever Israel pours into the ears of these Senators (Cranston, Glenn, etc.), they spew out in their reports in the Senate in the manner of "his master's voice."

The *WASHINGTON POST* report should not be a source of amazement. It is a wellknown fact that Israel has had a major hand in U.S. decisions regarding the Arab world and it is a point worth pondering as to how far the United States is willing to go to oppose Pakistan or any Islamic country for that matter. The U.S. policy of prevarication, procrastination, and even refusal to sell arms to its friends, the Arab states, from pressure exerted by Israel, is not a new story. When they are disheartened by the U.S. attitude they turn to the Soviet Union.

The campaign by pro-Indian circles and the Zionist lobby against Pakistan is a very old one, but now even the PRC has been included. When President Reagan visited the PRC some months ago, he signed a treaty for cooperation and collaboration with the PRC, on the basis of which the United States' ordnance industry had begun to hope that in the next few years it would be able to sell \$1.5 billion worth of nuclear reactors and equipment to the PRC. But now Senator Cranston and others have begun this propaganda that the nuclear knowhow given by the United States to the PRC will be given to Pakistan.

In the propaganda it is also being said that Pakistan has acquired the capability of manufacturing nuclear weapons and that two Chinese nuclear scientists are working at the Kahuta nuclear plant in Pakistan. The result of the campaign by the pro-Israeli senators has been that the nuclear pact, which was being considered a major feat after President Reagan's visit to the PRC, has not even been presented in the Senate for ratification, which is a source of anxiety and consternation to the PRC as well.

It is the U.S.'s headache to woo Israel. The Reagan administration has not reduced any of Israel's privileges, but the Democratic candidate in the next election, Mr Mondale, and the prospective Vice-President Mrs Ferraro are waxing eloquent on pro-Zionism, and hence not only Pakistan but other friends of the United States such as the Arab countries and the entire Islamic world are wondering how unsympathetic and obstinate can the United States get for the sake of Israel on the basis of false information supplied to it?

On the international level, the U.S.'s rival — the Soviet Union — is also no friend of the Islamic world. Its forces are engaged in suppressing and enslaving Muslims in Afghanistan and Eritrea, but it appears that merely for the sake of Israel, the United States is pushing the Muslims toward the Soviet Union. How long will this state of affairs continue? How horrible will the results of this be for the Islamic world is a subject for speculation.

Ostensibly it seems, that in its subservience to Israel and pandering to its whims and fancies, the United States is paving the way for Soviet influence and later complete domination by the Soviet Union over the Islamic world.

SRI LANKA

Delhi Reports Tamils Reject Chamber Proposal

BK230416 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT
23 Aug 84

[Text] The Tamil United Liberation Front in Sri Lanka has rejected the proposal for setting up of a second parliamentary chamber by President Jayewardene to resolve the ethnic issue. It said the party would resort to nonviolent means to liberate the Tamil people unless a viable alternative was offered. The all party conference on ethnic issues was held in place of a scheduled plenary session of the conference after Mr Jayewardene announced that there was a consensus in favor of this proposal.

The security forces are reported to have arrested more than 150 youths from (Karawadi) village, 35 km from Jaffna.

The prime minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, has sent a new message to the Sri Lankan president, Mr Jayewardene. The Indian high commissioner to Colombo, Mr J.S. Chatwal, yesterday handed over the letter to the president. Apart from calling on the president, Mr Chatwal also had a meeting with Sri Lanka's national security minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali.

2 'Suspected Terrorists' Shot Dead in Jaffna

BK201415 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT
20 Aug 84

[Text] Security forces in the north shot dead two suspected terrorists at Kilinochchi yesterday in the first reported clash in Jaffna for a week. According to official sources, an Army patrol was fired at from a jungle near Kilinochchi by (?those) terrorists. The patrol, which suffered no casualties, returned the fire and later found two of the attackers dead.

President on Violence During By-Elections

BK221253 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] By-elections are likely to be held in areas where there are terrorist activities. Addressing the first annual general meeting of (Seva Vanitha) in Colombo yesterday, President Jayewardene also said that sometimes there may be threats to the lives of candidates who will be contesting in such by-elections.

Referring to terrorism, he pointed out that this was not only limited to our country. Peace was prevailing only in a handful of countries. There was violence daily in several Asian, African and South American nations. Such a situation arose in certain parts of Sri Lanka recently. However, the president emphasized the need for peace for the development of the country. Development activities are progressing in house construction and reservoir projects. These were carried out within a democratic framework. Under this, all of us have freedom of speech and writing. There is also press freedom and the freedom to hold meetings. Mr Jayewardene pointed out the need for dedicated service to pre-

serve peace and develop the country. We should eliminate fraud and malpractices. The president praised the valuable services rendered by the (Seva Vanitha) program.

Tamils Charge Killings by Security Forces

OW171844 Hong Kong AFP in English 1822 GMT 17 Aug 84

[By Jim Wolfe]

[Text] Jaffna, Sri Lanka, Aug 17 (AFP) — Sri Lankan security forces have gunned down 15 people in a wave of "indiscriminate" killing and have detained without charges more than 500 ethnic Tamils this month, Tamil sources said here today.

A.M. Alaasuntharam, a member of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) and a former member of parliament, said he had a list of 15 people who had been gunned down "indiscriminately" by troops in and around Jaffna, the main city in predominantly Tamil northern Sri Lanka. The government has denied this charge.

He also said security forces had rounded up 261 people, many of them teenagers, in supposed identity checks after fighting broke out two weeks ago in and around Valvettithurai, 16 kms (10 miles) from Jaffna. Civic leaders said a further 252 people were arrested in the region on the same day.

Mr. Alaasuntharam said some 5,000 people were still homeless after security forces went on the rampage in Valvettithurai on August 4, looting and setting fire to homes in apparent retaliation for the killing of two naval officers. At least 95 people have died, including 12 servicemen, in Valvettithurai since August 4, according to official figures, in the most recent (?round) of racial violence in Sri Lanka. The minority Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of the island's predominantly Sinhalese 98-million population, are demanding a separate state for their people.

Mr. Alaasuntharam said the mainly Sinhalese security forces summoned all residents in Valvettithurai aged 15 to 35 allegedly for an identity check on August 4, but they were then bundled into buses and taken to an army camp outside Jaffna. About 30 were released shortly afterwards at the request of community leaders, because they were due to sit university entrance exams, but the others had been transferred to an army camp in Galle, south of Colombo, several Tamil leaders said. None of these had been released until yesterday, when eight were freed, they added.

Mr. Alaasuntharam said the Defense Ministry and the Ministry of National Security had made it clear the others were to be released only a few at a time.

Sri Lanka has been under continuous emergency rule since May, 1983, and the government is empowered to make arrests without warrants and to extend detention under a 1969 prevention of terrorism act. The government of President Junius Jayewardene contends it needs these special powers to aid the investigation of guerrilla attacks. Under the law, no judicial inquiry need be held into the deaths of civilians killed by security personnel.

Reportage on 'Severe' Explosion in Tehran

Explosion at Railway Square

LD230607 Tehran IRNA in English 0602 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 23, IRNA — A severe explosion occurred at Railway Square, downtown Tehran, early this morning. According to unconfirmed reports some five to six people were martyred and a number of others injured. Also, a number of vehicles were smashed and windows of nearby houses shattered.

Reports reaching here by 10:00 hours local time (06:30 GMT) said that so far over 150 injured of the bomb explosion in Railway Square this morning have been taken to Railway Hospital, while a number of others to other Tehran hospitals such as Loqmanedolleh, Adham and Baharlu.

Some 20 shops received 30 to 80 percent damage while 11 vehicles were destroyed and a number of others damaged during the incident.

The bomb, exploded at 08:50 local time (05:20 GMT) Thursday morning in Railway Square downtown Tehran, was planted in a fruit juice stand in the northeastern side of the square.

Relief teams have rushed to the area and ambulances are still taking the injured people to hospitals. Windows of shops and houses in an area of 100 metres from the scene of incident have been shattered. Earlier reports said that five to six people have been martyred.

Col. Abbas Moazzami, Tehran's police head, told IRNA that pieces of the bomb exploded at Railway Square this morning have been taken to Tehran's police headquarters to examine the explosion and destruction power of the bomb.

The police head denied rumours on a second bomb to be planted in the area, adding that the exploded bomb had been planted beside a fruit juice stand in the square.

So far 15 people, including two children and eight women, have been martyred and 300 injured, eight of whom in critical condition. Over 50 other injured have received outpatient treatment.

With the martyrdom of another two victims of the Thursday morning bomb explosion in Kah-Ahan (Railway) Square, south Tehran, the number of martyrs rose to 17.

Latest reports said that with the cleaning operation of the area by 12:10 local time (08:40 GMT), people gathered at the scene of the incident and chanted slogans in condemnation of this criminal act by counterrevolutionaries, especially the Munafiqeen (MKO).

Reports also added that establishment of the state railways, located in southern part of the square, received no damages and only some of the windows of the administrative department were shattered.

Every day, thousands of people, including passengers as well as staff members of the state railways, pass through the square.

Meanwhile, the public relations office of the railways announced that the bomb explosion has made no change in the time-tabled schedules of passenger trains.

With the cleaning operation, the report said, traffic resumed in the square and nearby streets and the area returned to its normal situation.

The bomb, planted beside a fruit juice stand in one of the most populated areas in downtown Tehran where low class people are living, exploded at 08:50 local time (05:20 GMT) Thursday morning.

Two children and eight women are among the martyrs while some 300 people have been injured, a number of whom are in critical condition. Fifty other injured have received outpatient treatment.

Opposition Condemns Explosion

NC231034 Paris AFP in English 1027 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] Paris, Aug 23 (AFP) — The Iranian opposition movement, the People's Mujahedeen, has condemned a bombing in Tehran today in which killed at least 12 people and injured several hundred, according to early tolls.

In a statement issued here, the movement, led by Massud Rajavi, who fled Iran three years ago with ousted Iranian president Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, "firmly" condemned the attack, which it charged was "aimed at damaging the image of the just Iranian resistance."

The statement said this bombing and other attacks in Iran were the work of agents of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini or possibly of surviving agents of the SAVAK, the shah's secret police.

Mr. Bani-Sadr, also living in Paris, said the attack was a "new episode in the internal battle between the various factions in power in Tehran."

18 Reported Killed

LD231046 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Aug 84

[From the news headlines]

[Text] This morning 18 people, including 2 children, were martyred as a result of the explosion of a powerful bomb planted by the tools of global arrogance in Tehran's Railway Square in order to overshadow Government Week and the progress and work carried out by the present government.

'U.S. Agents' Blamed

LD231122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] On the eve of the beginning of Government Week, a week set aside for the purpose of increasingly acquainting the people

with the activities and remarkable work carried out by the present government, global arrogance, in order to overshadow this week and to prevent an extensive reflection of the progress and positive and remarkable actions by the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has embarked on a fresh crime and, by detonating a bomb in Tehran's Railway Square, has rolled in blood and dirt a group of innocent people.

According to our correspondent's report, at about 0900 this morning, at a time when Tehran's heroic, martyr-nurturing citizens were leaving for their places of work, as a result of the explosion of a bomb containing 25 kg explosives and planted by U.S. agents on the northwestern side of Railway Square, 18 innocent people were killed and about 300 wounded. Damage was caused to commercial premises and the surrounding buildings near the place of the explosion.

Our correspondents' dispatch also says: As a result of this explosion 2 cars and a motorcycle were wrecked and more than 10 shops and 2 guest houses were damaged.

During the first few minutes following the explosion, relief groups, together with police, guards corps, and Islamic Revolution Committee teams, arrived on the scene of the explosion to help the injured and to maintain law and order. They moved the bodies of the martyrs and the injured from the scene of the incident.

According to eyewitness accounts at the time of the explosion, the area — one of the most crowded centers of population in the city of Tehran — was full of pedestrians and travellers leaving for their places of work.

Following the planting of the bomb in Tehran's Railway Square by the instruments of global arrogance, coinciding with the remarkable victories scored by Islam's combatants in the western part of the country and the heavy defeat suffered by counterrevolution in that region, the imam's Relief Committee issued a statement condemning this bestial deed and calling on all who have suffered material losses as a result of this incident to visit the imam's Relief Committee in southwest Tehran, in Gomrok Square, for the purpose of assessing the extent of their losses.

Tehran Province's health department said in a telephone contact it thanks all the doctors, nurses, and medical staff of the hospitals and treatment centers and Tehran's emergency services for their extremely sincere cooperation in speedily treating the injured.

Group Claims Responsibility

NC231108 Paris AFP in English 1106 GMT 23 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug 23 (AFP) — A group calling itself the "Unit of the Martyr Khallaqi Resistance Week" claimed responsibility for the bomb attack today in central Tehran.

In a telephone call to the AFP office in Tehran several hours after the blast, a person speaking with an Arab accent said the unit had carried out the attack.

It was the first known mention of such a unit.

Joint Staff Issues Communique No 1,826

LD211729 Tehran IRNA in English 1700 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 21, IRNA — Seventeen Iraqi troops were killed and 7 others wounded while one vehicle, six bunkers and observation posts were demolished in the northwestern fronts of Piranshahr, Marivan, Panjwin, Sardasht and Hajj Umran during the past 24 hours.

Announcing this the Joint Staff Command Communique No. 1826 released Tuesday further said that exchange of heavy gunfire continued in northwestern and western fronts during this period. Islamic combatants' fire on Iraqi positions smashed seven light and heavy weaponry positions, three observation posts and killed or wounded their crew.

In Shur-Shirin region, enemy patrol groups were forced to retreat by the fire of Islamic combatants.

Iraqi positions in southern fronts were subjected to the fire of Islamic defenders, and exchange of fire was more intense in Shalamcheh, Khorramshahr, Talayeh and Zayd regions.

In Arvand River battle scenes, the Islamic combatants zeroed in on Iraqi fortifications and equipment west of the river destroying 12 weaponry positions, two observation posts, one vehicle, one jeep and one vehicle equipped with a 106 mm gun. More than 16 enemy troops were killed or wounded in this region.

Eleven housing units and four shops were damaged as a result of Iraqi shelling of the residential parts of Abadan, during Monday, concluded the Joint Staff Command Communique.

Communique No 1,827

LD221532 Tehran IRNA in English 1520 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 22, IRNA — One Iraqi base, a mortar launching pad and 14 light and heavy weaponry positions were demolished and 30 enemy troops were killed and 12 others wounded in the northwestern fronts of Hajj 'Umran, Marivan and Panjwin during the preceding 24 hours.

The casualties and losses were inflicted upon the enemy troops when the Islamic combatants zeroed in on the Iraqi infantry and artillery positions, announced the Joint Staff Command Communique No. 1827 issued Wednesday.

In the western front, the enemy movements and patrol activities were checked while considerable human and equipment losses were inflicted upon them including the destruction of two heavy weaponry positions, one truck and one mortar launching pad.

In the southern front, the Islamic combatants controlled the Iraqi air and engineering activities and the movement of their forces inflicting casualties upon them during the said period.

Four enemy soldiers were killed in Arvand River fronts and eight weaponry positions and observation posts were completely destroyed during this period.

Abadan was still under the Iraqi long-range heavy fire during Tuesday as a result of which 6 houses and one shop were damaged, concluded the Joint Staff Command communique.

Bushehr Announces Red Alert Condition

*GF231045 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 1035 GMT
23 Aug 84*

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners. This is to inform residents of Bushehr that a red alert condition has been announced for Bushehr as there is danger of an air attack. [sound of siren]

Musavi Interviewed on Cabinet, New Ministers

*LD221423 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT
22 Aug 84*

[Text] In today's Cabinet meeting, which was held in the presence of President Khamene'i, the country's current affairs were discussed. At the end of the meeting, Prime Minister Musavi was interviewed by our reporter and explained the issues discussed in today's session. We now draw your attention to this interview:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified reporter] Mr Musavi, please tell us what were the most important issues discussed in today's Cabinet session?

[Musavi] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In today's session, which was held in the presence of the esteemed president, certain reports were submitted as usual. Then his excellency the president spoke about ways of achieving progress in various fields. He especially emphasized the need to continue work on the 5-year plan. God willing, this will be done. There was also an expression of appreciation concerning the brothers who were in the Cabinet and who did not receive a vote of confidence from the Majlis. Those brothers worked very hard and it is natural that now they will be able to continue their activities in other posts.

We also discussed a number of bills for various departments.

[Reporter] In view of the appointment of new ministers and in view of the fact that they have not been in their posts for long, did these ministers present any long-term plans to the Cabinet?

[Musavi] Because of the shortage of time, they presented concise programs to the Majlis. Naturally, the new ministers should prepare more detailed programs and present them to the Cabinet. This will be done. However, the 5-year plan is another matter. The various departments should carry out their plans in accordance with the 5-year plan, with the coordination of the Plan and Budget Organization and under its supervision and the policy which it outlines. They should iron out any problems in their programs. God willing, the issue will also be followed up through the Majlis.

We had another discussion concerning Government Week. The reason why the anniversary of their martyrdom [as heard] was

chosen as the days for the Government Week is that those who join the government and who serve in an executive capacity should have the same goals as those illustrious persons, and they should deal with difficulties in the same way as those dear ones. In fact, the choice of these days for Government Week is a kind of renewed covenant with the blood of the martyrs, and hopefully their goals will be decisively followed up by the government.

[Reporter] In view of the fact that some of the new ministers were deputy-ministers in their own ministries, does their appointment mean that former policies will be continued in the same way, or will there be some changes?

[Musavi] The appointment of those persons means that we have made proper use of experienced and trained individuals in our system. We are learning — and this is something which the revolution is teaching us — to make use of believing and committed individuals who have gained experience in proper posts, and to make the best use of human resources. At the moment, the two brothers who were deputy-ministers before and who have now been promoted to the position of ministers have gained valuable experiences. But this does not necessarily mean that former policies will be followed in those ministries. Wherever there are defects and shortcomings, the government expects them to deal with them decisively and to eliminate them. [end recording]

CSSR Foreign Trade Minister Continues Visit

Asked To Honor Contracts

*LD222312 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT
22 Aug 84*

[Text] The CSSR foreign trade minister and the delegation accompanying him, who are visiting the Islamic Republic of Iran, this afternoon met our country's industry minister. At this meeting the CSSR foreign trade minister discussed the background for industrial cooperation between the two countries, saying that at present Czechoslovakia is cooperating with the Islamic Republic of Iran in the fields of cement and sugar mills, raw materials and minerals and the manufacture of various industrial machinery. He then officially invited Mr Shafe'i, our country's industry minister, to visit Czechoslovakia and its industries.

Our country's industry minister also referred to the background for cooperation between the two countries and, welcoming the continuation of good relations with Czechoslovakia, said that he hopes to visit that country at a suitable opportunity. Referring to the existing cooperation between the two countries in the field of sugar and cement industries, Mr Shafe'i also explained the state of Iranian industry and referred to the possibility of cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

In conclusion, our country's industry minister, mentioning the difficulties caused by the CSSR's nonobservance of the principles governing cooperation, and governing its commitment to carrying out contracts, the shipment of spare parts, and other issues, asked for accurate implementation of the contents of the contracts between the two countries in order that these contracts' contents would be implemented as much and as well as possible.

Offers To Train Personnel*LD221911 Tehran IRNA in English 1825 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 22, IRNA — The Czechoslovak Foreign Trade Minister Bohumil Urban who is currently here heading an economic and trade delegation, met and conferred with the Iranian minister of industries, Gholam Reza Shafe'i here today.

During the meeting, the Iranian minister said that extensive grounds existed for mutual cooperation between the two countries.

He added that the necessity for the continuation of Iran's cooperation with Czechoslovakia relied on the performance of that country's undertakings, such as the installation of packing machinery and improving the quality of its products.

The Czech minister also announced his government's readiness for cooperation with the Islamic Republic in manufacturing of devices relating to drilling, cement, ceramic, rubber and chemical industries. He added that Czechoslovakia was ready to train Iranian personnel in various areas while transferring technology to Iran.

In conclusion, the Czech minister hoped that the mutual exchanges between the two countries would double within the next two years.

The Czech minister and his accompanying delegation arrived here last Monday.

Presents Message to Musavi*LD221904 Tehran IRNA in English 1833 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] Tehran Aug. 22 IRNA — Czech Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Urban presented a message from Czech prime minister to Iran's Premier Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i here Wednesday.

In his meeting with Mir-Hoseyn Musavi-Khamene'i, the Czech minister also commended Iran's progress in various areas since the culmination of the Islamic Revolution (Feb. 1979). He noted that his government would be looking forward to expanding her relations with the Islamic Republic.

In response, the Iranian prime minister said the Islamic Republic can now expand its relations with other countries even more confidently than before. He reciprocated the good wishes of the visiting Czech minister and expressed hope that Iran and Czechoslovakia would continue to further their relations in the future.

The Iranian minister of state in charge of Plan and Budget Organisation, Mohammad Taqi Banki, was also present in the meeting.

The Czech minister of foreign trade has been on an official visit to Tehran as head of an economic delegation from his country since Monday.

Heads Delegation to Esfahan*LD221426 Tehran IRNA in English 1055 GMT 22 Aug 84*

[Text] Esfahan, Aug 22, IRNA — The visiting Czech economic delegation headed by that country's foreign trade minister arrived here today, along with Dr. Banke, minister of state and head of the Plan and Budget Organisation.

They were welcomed by Esfahan's airport by the governor general of Esfahan and Majlis deputy of the Najafabad people.

The Czech delegation will visit the several joint projects of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Czechoslovakia in Esfahan.

Meets With Commerce Minister*LD231228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Aug 84*

[Text] Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Trade Bohumil Urban, and the delegation accompanying him on a visit to our country for the past few days, met with Minister of Commerce Ja'fari this morning. During the meeting, which was also attended by the Czechoslovak ambassador, talks were held on improving trade relations between the two countries. Our country's commerce minister, explained the Islamic Republic of Iran's trade policies and foreign economy and its severing of ties with the world hegemonists, particularly the arch-Satan, the United States. He said: Iran welcomes increased relations with countries which respect the Islamic Revolution and which establish commercial links with Iran on the basis of safeguarding mutual friendship.

The commerce minister also thanked the Czechoslovak experts who carried out the necessary cooperation as scheduled for implementing industrial projects, including the sugar and cement industries, power stations, and machine-building works.

In conclusion, the Czechoslovak minister of foreign trade invited Mr Ja'fari to pay a visit to his country. Mr Ja'fari accepted the invitation and the visit will take place on a suitable occasion.

Tehran Reports Successes Against Rebels*LD211737 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Aug 84*

[Text] According to a dispatch from the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, continuing the victorious operations by the Islam's mighty combatants, made up of the heroes from the Armed Forces, the corps and the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the strategic and difficult Alande Sheykhkan heights, which were of particular importance and sensitivity to the Ba'thist mercenaries and the counterrevolutionaries, have been conquered by Islam's combatants, and the hamlets of (Ahmad Gharib), (Babak Rabad), and (Chileh Shiveh), Barsin, and Sar Shakband, which constituted the last assembly region of the foreign mercenaries, have been mopped up.

During these operations 20 members of the Democratic Party [of Kordestan] including four of its founder members, Hamzeh

Hasami; Rasul, son of Ostad Rahimian; Rahman Sufizadeh, and Rahman Feyzi, were killed, a number were wounded, and another group fled their masters. Also Hekmat Mamedei, one of the counterrevolutionary leaders, surrendered to Islam's forces.

According to this dispatch, during these operations the hamlets of Kan-e Zar, which was the main headquarters of the venal elements and where the Democratic Party's hospital was built, has been occupied by Islam's combatants. The (Bardeh Zanj) and (Bardeh Gol) heights, too, were cleared of the odium of the desperados and 36 persons from the Hezbollahi Islamic nation who were prisoners of the polytheistic infidels, were freed and large quantities of booty were captured by Islam's blasphemy-fighters.

Rebel Leaders Killed

LD211728 Tehran IRNA in English 1705 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] Urumiyeh, Aug. 21, IRNA — Two rebel leaders in the Kordestan region were killed by the Islamic forces on Monday in the on-going Fath (Victory) operation.

The two, Sheikh Saiedi and Khosrow Foroutan, were members of the counterrevolutionary Rezgari (Rastgari) group.

Meanwhile, eight rebels were killed and two others were arrested in Baneh, Mahabad, Miandoab, and near Sanandaj in the Kordestan and West Azarbayjan Provinces during the past 48 hours.

Soviet Couple Shot Dead at Kabul Polytechnic

LD211517 Tehran IRNA in English 1406 GMT 21 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug. 21, IRNA — A Soviet couple, both professors of the Kabul polytechnic were recently shot and killed

by an Afghan special security guard of the polytechnic at the university campus. The Afghan Muslim mujahidin sources in New Delhi further said that the incident has made Soviet advisors in Kabul agitated and fearful.

This event has also forced the Afghan university authorities to maintain strict security measures inside and around the university building. Since most professors and teachers of the polytechnic are either Soviet or Afghan, who graduated from Soviet universities, they are targets of attacks of the Afghan Muslim mujahidin.

New Television Transmitter in Use in Kord Kuy

LD221923 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Aug 84

[Excerpts] On the eve of Government Week, in the presence of Mr Mohamed Hashemi-Rafsanjani, managing-director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the imam's representative in Mazandaran, the Martyr Raja'i television transmitter in the city of Kord Kuy was commissioned and started work today. In this connection we have the following report from Gorgan. Thanks to the efforts of the devoted workers of the design and development unit of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the cooperation of the Sari and Gorgan centers, the powerful [words indistinct] was commissioned and started work this morning.

This transmitter, named after Martyr Raja'i, is comprised of eight powerful 10 kw transmitters, four of which will transmit the first and second programs of the Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the first program on Channel 6 and the second program on Channel 10, and the other four transmitters will broadcast on FM the programs of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, particularly the sessions of the Islamic Consultative Assembly.